

## IN MURDER CABAL?

Three Women and One Man  
Fight for Lives.

Wife of Poisoned "Peach King"  
Chief of Accused.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 20.—Charged with poisoning Fred D. Shepard, millionaire peach king, three women and one man were making a fight for their lives here today.

The four members of the alleged "murder cabal," central figures in one of the most sensational cases in the history of the south, were having a preliminary hearing before Judge Matthews, who will release them or order them held for trial.

Those charged with the murder are members of prominent families, owning large plantations. They are the widow of the dead man who has remarried and now is known as Mrs. Pauline Elmer; her sister, Mrs. Ione Henry; Ernest Hopson, a son of the widow by a former marriage; and Mrs. Annie E. Cutte.

The principal figure in Mrs. Elmer's testimony is in the testimony as "Paula." She has had three husbands and is alleged to have planned and "executed" the poisoning of Shepard.

It is alleged that Shepard's slayers put poison in his whisky and that he died under their scrutiny; that they joined with him in laughing and making merry, knowing all the time that he was doomed.

Mrs. Alice Crandall, sister of the dead man, is the principal accuser of the alleged conspirators.

"Fred was murdered by Paula and her gang," Mrs. Crandall testified she was informed by Mrs. Cutte, one of the defendants.

Four tenants of the Cutte plantation also testified that Mrs. Cutte told them the fatal poison dose was prepared in her home and that several persons were involved.

The defense is centering its efforts on attacking the allegation that Shepard was killed with bicarbonate of mercury. Dr. Edgar Everhardt and Dr. John Funke swore that traces of such poison were found in the body of the millionaire.

A number of medical experts arrived here today prepared to contradict this statement and to show that Shepard's death was due to some other cause.

The state expects to close its case by Wednesday and lawyers for the defendants declare their clients will be free by Christmas.

WAR STRAIN WAS FATAL.  
Sidney E. Newman Came to U. S. for Health—Died Saturday.

War strain which caused a break in his health two and a half years ago when he was a resident of London, England, terminated fatally for Sidney E. Newman, 412 Garfield avenue. Newman died late Saturday and the funeral services will be held from the home at 2 o'clock Tuesday. Burial in Mt. Hope cemetery.

The repeated air-bombing attacks on London which several times brought himself and family in immediate danger, together with the lack of proper nourishment under the strict food rationing system made necessary by the war, were instrumental in causing Newman's illness, according to

relatives. On top of this came the death of his oldest son, Edward, which only tended to accentuate his condition.

Believing that a complete change of scene and climate might benefit him, Newman brought his family from London to Topeka a year and a half ago, to enter business with his brother, W. T. Newman, of W. T. Newman & Co., Aetna building, formerly special examiner of the state banking department.

Newman is survived in his immediate family by his wife and two children, Phyllis, 14, and Vincent, 9.

## POLICE FIND "HOME BREW"

Ten Gallons Confiscated Sunday in Raid on East First Street.

Ten gallons of "home brew" were confiscated Sunday afternoon by the police in a raid on the home of Felix Dotson, negro, 400 East First street.

Five negro women, one negro man and two white men were in the place when Detectives L. W. Jackson, William Glynn and Augustin Alba arrived. Some were drinking. They were taken to police headquarters, where they gave their names as Felix, Dotson, Leila Dotson, Ethel Anderson, Mary Massenberg, Elizabeth Orendorff and Lillian Davidson. The two white men were Frank Henry and Frank Lane.

The "brew" was contained in a beer keg, with a pump attached, and three large earthenware jars, according to the police. There was a strong odor of yeast around the police station today.

PLAN INAUGURAL PROGRAM.  
Prominent Educators Will Attend Ceremonies at Lawrence.

Formal inaugural ceremonies for Dr. E. H. Lindley, new chancellor of Kansas university, will be held at Lawrence, February 8-9. Plans for the inaugural were announced today by Governor Allen.

State officials, prominent educators and members of the state university alumni association will attend the ceremonies at Lawrence. Following the inaugural, an educational conference will be held. This conference will be attended by heads of state schools and persons active in educational work in Kansas.

Doctor Lindley came to Kansas university from Idaho several months ago. He was elected to succeed Chancellor Frank Strong, resigned.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.  
JAMES KELLER, age 51, died this morning at his home, 304 Hancock street. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday from the First Lutheran church. Burial in Topeka cemetery.

CLARA JANE RUE, age 61, died December 19, at her home, 900 Monroe street. The body will be taken to Valley Falls, Kan., for burial.

HARRY F. WHITE, age 60, died December 19, at his home, 704 West Third street. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday from Penwell's chapel. Burial in Topeka cemetery.

PHILLIP NEAL RANSOM, age 7 years, died December 19, at his home, 200 Whittier street. Funeral announcements later.

The funeral of V. E. Coffey will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the home, 1119 North Kansas avenue. Burial in Rochester cemetery.

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## ASK FOR FARM BUILDING

Plan Construction of Agricultural Headquarters for Kansas.

Erection of a state department of agriculture building—probably on the site of the present state heating plant—will be urged before the legislature. Proposal has already been made for a department of justice building.

Because of the importance of Kansas as an agricultural state, a state building for the board of agriculture and allied activities will be asked. The plan might call for construction on the site of the state heating plant. The heating plant smoke stack is responsible for much damage and annoyance to state buildings and occupants and agitation may develop for its removal. The corner at Tenth and Jackson occupied by the heating plant is opposite the state printing plant and Memorial hall and faces the state house.

Practically one half the legislature is a farmer strength. Five of the members of the state board of agriculture are members of the legislature. Senators Frizell, Kyle, Laing, and Wolf and Representative Edwards of Sherman county. It is probable bills for both a department of justice building and agricultural building will be introduced during the session. That one of the buildings will be secured to relieve present state house congestion is the belief of a number of state officials.

## ECONOMY IN MEAT CUTTING

Wolff Packing Company Held Attractive Exhibition Sunday.

Two hundred and fifty head of cattle, show cattle, specially selected and prepared to grace the exhibition of the Wolff Packing company, held Sunday, were slaughtered and prepared for the show of beef. In whole and half carcasses and cut into smaller portions to demonstrate various phases of economy in meat cutting. All the animals were yearling fancy heavy steers or large yearling calves.

The show rooms in which the beef was hung accommodated several hundred people during the day from Topeka, the country near by and adjoining towns. Butchers and meat dealers came from Junction City, Emporia and intermediate points and purchased shipments of the beef which they saw at the show, displayed in the most effective fashion.

The greater portion of the beef on show was sold before the exhibit was over. The show will be a regular event it was stated at the plant today. The affair was staged on Monday because of the impossibility of conducting it at the time that the plant was in operation.

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